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High HEAVEN *to* GRACIOUS ENDS *directs the* STORM!

To Mr. PURDIE.

ALEXANDRIA, *Auguſt* 10, 1776.

SIR,

NO other motive than juſtice to my own character, as well as that of my officers, could ever induce me to requeſt of you to publiſh the following narrative and depoſitions, more eſpecially at this important juncture, when it is the duty of every individual to propagate the general harmony, and to diſcountenance every domeſtick contention that would ſeem in any wiſe tending to fruſtrate the general good.

About five weeks ago (ſince I had the honour to be appointed to the command of the Protector row-galley, belonging to this commonwealth) I went down to Yeocomico to recruit men, and enliſted ſix hands. From the capacity and good behaviour, as well as from the character that was given me of three of them, I appointed one my ſecond lieutenant, and the other two midſhipmen. We knew that part of the enemy's fleet had gone up the river Potowmack before us; therefore, inſtead of coming up in a pilot boat, as was firſt intended, we came up with two row boats, thinking by that means to paſs the fleet with greater ſafety. What happened after we came in ſight of the fleet will appear by the following depoſitions, viz.

The depoſition of JOHN THOMAS, *ſecond lieutenant to capt.* Robert Conway *of the* Protector *row-galley, belonging to the commonwealth of* VIRGINIA.

ALEXANDRIA, FAIRFAX COUNTY, *Auguſt* 10, 1776.

THIS day came before me the ſubſcriber, one of the magiſtrates for the county aforeſaid, John Thomas, ſecond lieutenant to capt. Robert Conway of the Protector row-galley, and made oath, that on Tueſday the 23d of July laſt, about 9 or 10 o'clock in the forenoon, near Sandy Point, ſeven of us, with two boats landed on the Maryland ſhore, within about half a mile of the enemy's fleet, which conſiſted of four ſhips, two tenders, and one row-galley, expecting as ſoon as we landed to have been guarded by a party of the Maryland militia, having no fire arms ourſelves, thinking to paſs the fleet the following night. As ſoon as we landed, we conveyed our baggage to an adjacent houſe, when, after inquiry, we were informed the troops were oppoſite to the Roebuck, to whom four of us immediately went, from whence we obſerved the fleet manning their boats, with intent, as we thought, to land on the Maryland ſhore, from which the Roebuck man of war ſeemed to be 2 or 300 yards, when a gentleman they called col. Harriſon ſaid, *Come, let us march down*, to which ſeveral replied, *I can't bear to ſhoot a man;* others, *that their guns were out of order*, with ſundry other excuſes; to whom col. Harriſon ſaid, *You that have not a mind to go, give your guns to thoſe men that came with capt. Conway.* I then ſaid, *Give me a gun and ammunition*, and I will go*, which one of the militia readily did. So down we marched, under the command of col. Harriſon. Soon after we came down to the ſhore the enemy gave three loud huzzas, and rowed over to the Virginia ſide, with two tenders, one gondola, and ten row boats, from which they landed and burnt mr. Brent's houſe, and returned in about an hour to their reſpective veſſels. In the mean time we thought ourſelves very ſafe under the protection of the militia, who by this time, as we were informed, had increaſed from between 30 and 40 men to between 3 and 400. In juſtice to col. Harriſon, I muſt not omit informing, that he ſeemed very active and reſolute, encouraging his men, and telling them that nature could not form a more convenient place than where he propoſed they ſhould be ſtationed. About 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon the enemy's gondola and a ſchooner tender put off, and made for our boats. Seeing that, I ſaid, *Gentlemen, I hope, as we came to offer you our ſervices you will be kind enough to aſſiſt us in taking care of our boats, having no arms ourſelves;* upon which they ſaid, one company ſhould go with us. Then we ran down ourſelves, and hauled the ſmalleſt boat about 30 or 40 yards into a marſh; the other, which had ballaſt in, we hauled on the beach, and ſtaved. By this time the company of militia came down, but the enemy being cloſe aſhore where our boat was, they ſtopped in a valley, at about 50 or 60 yards diſtance from the boat on the beach. The enemy's row-galley rowed ſeveral times towards the boat on the beach, and back again. At laſt the row-galley and tender fired, on which the ſentinels the colonel placed ran acroſs a corn field and made for the woods; to whom the colonel called, *Come back!* No, ſays I, they will not come back till they get to Port Tobacco; at which he laughed. They would keep at the enemy when they rowed cloſe to our boat, but never offered to fire, excepting it was the colonel, who preſented once, but recovered without firing. Some of them ſaid, *If the row-galley landed ſhe would rake them up the valley* (which indeed was impoſſible) at which they ran, the men firſt, after whom the colonel retreated, notwithſtanding I am pretty well aſſured the colonel would have ſtood had he been ſupported by his men. When the enemy ſaw them (from the Roebuck's maſt head) running off, they hollowed at them, and called them ſundry names, then made ſigns for the row-galley to pull aſhore, which they did, and launched our boat off; then gave three huzzas, and fired ſeveral ſhot, both ſmall and great, at the houſe where our baggage had been taken to; then returned to their ſhips with their booty, without having one gun fired at them. Col. Harriſon ſeemed to have that good opinion of capt. Conway as to ſay, *he was aſſured that Conway would not be backward in taking a firelock.* And farther this deponent ſaith not.

JOHN THOMAS.

ALEXANDRIA, *Auguſt* 12, 1776.

The above depoſition ſworn to before

JOHN CARLYLE.

* *The gun that was given by one of the militia was returned when the enemy was obſerved going over to the Virginia ſide.*

The depoſitions of EDWARD COLES *and* CUTHBERT ELLISTON, *midſhipmen on board the* Protector *row galley, commanded by capt.* Robert Conway.

ALEXANDRIA, FAIRFAX COUNTY, *Auguſt* 10, 1776.

LIKEWISE Edward Coles and Cuthbert Elliſton, two midſhipmen belonging to the Protector row-galley, came this day before me the ſubſcriber, one of the magiſtrates for the county aforeſaid, in the commonwealth of Virginia, and took the accuſtomary oaths; by virtue of which they depoſe and ſay, that on Tueſday the 23d day of July laſt, coming up the river Potowmack with capt. Conway, we came in ſight of the enemy's fleet, conſiſting of four ſhips, two tenders, and one row-galley, when we made for the Maryland ſhore, and landed about half a mile below them, expecting to have been protected by the militia on ſhore, the number of whom (as we were informed ſoon after our landing) was between 3 and 400. We were ſeven in number, with two boats. Soon after we landed four of us went up to the troops, and after being about an hour and a half with them ſome of the men offered to give up their firelocks to us. One in particular gave his gun to mr. Thomas, our ſecond lieutenant. We ſaw the enemy's two tenders, one row-galley, and ſome row boats, filled with men, making for the Virginia ſhore (inſtead of coming to the Maryland ſhore, as we expected) where they burnt mr. Brent's houſes, and from thence returned to their ſhips. Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon we obſerved their row-galley, and a ſchooner tender, making down for the place where our boats lay. The little boat we pulled into a marſh out of their way, and hauled the big boat on the beach, which James Sorrell ſtaved, by capt. Conway's order, before the enemy could get nigh enough to fire at us with any certainty. As ſoon as the enemy's row-galley began to fire, the militia made a precipitate retreat, and ran up to the woods, after whom col. Harriſon went up. Then the enemy came and took the boat from off the beach, without having one gun fired at them, although ſome of the militia were within leſs than 100 yards of the boat when they took her off, and gave three huzzas. And farther theſe deponents ſay not.

EDWARD COLES.

CUTHBERT ELLISTON.

FAIRFAX county, *ſc.*

The above depoſition ſworn to before

JOHN CARLYLE.

SOON after I arrived at Alexandria my row-galley was ordered down to watch the motion of the enemy's fleet, but at my return, to my great ſurpriſe, I found the following advertiſement had been ſtuck up at ſeveral publick places in this town:

ADVERTISEMENT.

ALEXANDRIA, *July* 21, 1776.

WHEREAS it appears, by certificates (now in my poſſeſſion) under the hands of capt. John H. Lawe, mr. John M. Burgeſs, and mr. George Frazer Hawkins, of Maryland, that capt. Robert Conway has propagated a report much to the diſhonour of the 26th battalion of the militia of Maryland, viz. that 3 or 400 of ſaid militia betook themſelves to flight as ſoon as the miniſterial row-galley began to fire: In order, therefore, to remove every ill impreſſion made by the ſaid report, I take this method of aſſerting that it is a *malicious infamous falſehood*, as many gentlemen, who were preſent as ſpectators when capt. Conway ſays this ſcene of cowardice was acted, are ready upon oath to teſtify.

(*Signed*) S. HANSON.

No man, mr. PURDIE, conſcious of his own integrity, would lie ſilent under ſuch opprobrious epithets; therefore, in vindication of what I have already aſſerted, which was altogether to the ſame effect as the foregoing depoſitions, I deſire you will publiſh the whole narrative, for the truth of which I appeal to every impartial ſpectator, and remain, ſir, your humble ſervant, ROBERT CONWAY.

WATERTOWN, *Auguſt* 12.

WE hear that on Wedneſday laſt was ſent into Portſmouth, by the Hancock privateer of Philadelphia, a large ſhip (formerly a 20 gun ſhip) now mounting 14 guns, bound from Jamaica for London, having on board 700 hogſheads of ſugar, 200 of rum, beſides other valuables.—A fine prize.

NEW YORK, *Auguſt* 14.

By his excellency GEORGE WASHINGTON, *eſq; general and commander in chief of the army of the* United States *of* NORTH AMERICA.

WHEREAS a bombardment and attack upon the city of New York, by our cruel and inveterate enemy, may be hourly expected; and as there are great numbers of women, children, and infirm perſons, yet remaining in the city, whoſe continuance will rather be prejudicial than advantageous to the army, and their perſons expoſed to great danger and hazard: I do therefore recommend it to all ſuch perſons, as they value their own ſafety and preſervation, to remove with all expedition out of the ſaid town, at this critical period, truſting, that, with the bleſſing of Heaven upon the American arms, they may ſoon return to it in perfect ſecurity; and I do enjoin, and require, all the officers and ſoldiers in the army under my command to forward and aſſiſt ſuch perſons in their compliance with this recommendation.

Given under my hand, at head-quarters, New York, Auguſt 17, 1776.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Auguſt 19. Laſt Friday two fire-ſhips, commanded by capts. Foſdyke and Thomas (gentlemen voluntcers of rank in the army of the United States) proceeded up the North river, with intent to give a ſuitable warming to thoſe piratical gentry that have infeſted it ſince the 12th of July laſt. The night was dark, and favourable to the deſign; and the enemy did not perceive our veſſels till they were near aboard of them. Capt. Foſdyke grappled the Phenix; but the fire not communicating ſo ſoon as was expected, ſhe diſentangled herſelf in about 20 minutes, after ſuſtaining conſiderable damage in her rigging. Capt. Thomas fell on board one of the tenders, which was ſoon conſumed; and we are truly ſorry to inform the publick, that this intrepid commander is yet miſſing. This gallant enterpriſe ſtruck ſo great a panick upon the enemy that they thought it prudent to quit their ſtation; and yeſterday, taking the advantage of a freſh wind at N. E. attended with conſiderable rain, they ran the gauntlet through a great number of well directed ſhot from our batteries in and near this city, which undoubtedly muſt have damaged them much. Our gallies played ſmartly, and followed the ſhips a conſiderable diſtance into the bay. The enemy's fire ſeemed to be moſtly directed upon the city, as the tops of the houſes were crowded with ſpectators; but very little damage was done to the buildings, nor any lives loſt upon the occaſion.

Saturday a flag of truce was ſent from the miniſterial fleet, and met in the bay by one of our barges, but we could not learn its import.

Since our laſt ſix regiments of militia, from the ſtate of Connecticut, have arrived in town. They are an exceeding fine body of men, well equipped and diſciplined.

Extract of a letter from Providence, New England, *dated Auguſt* 13.

"A ſhip from the Grenades, of 300 tuns, has been taken by two letters of marque, a ſloop and brig, belonging to New York, and carried into Boſton; her cargo conſiſts of 200 hogſheads of ſugar, 119 hogſheads of coffee, and 415 bales of cotton. One or both of the above letters of marque took another ſhip, with between 4 and 500 hogſheads of ſugar; ſhe was from one of the Windwards Iſlands, and is ſaid to be ſafe arrived at the Eaſtward."

A brig belonging to this port arrived laſt Sunday ſafe in a harbour on Long Iſland, with a valuable cargo from Liſbon, chiefly conſiſting of powder and ſalt. The captain informs us, that a large French fleet lay off Cape St. Vincent, and that two Britiſh frigates were cruiſing about to watch their motions. Another brig, alſo belonging to this place, in company with him, was taken by one of the Britiſh pirates, off Bermuda.

Troops from all quarters have been daily arriving to our aſſiſtance ſince our laſt, and yeſterday afternoon 14 ſail of tranſports, full of hearty troops, arrived here from the Eaſtward; ſo that we can with the greateſt truth aſſert, that we have now an army, in and about this city, of at leaſt upwards of 80,000 men.

Auguſt 22. We can aſſure the publick, that the foreigners in Burgoyne's army are beginning to deſert in large numbers. About 60 of them, in a boat, came over to our troops the other day, at Ticonderoga.

Extract of a letter from Charleſtown, South Carolina, *dated July* 31, 1776.

"We are juſt now ſetting off for the burning ſands of Georgia; an expedition is planned againſt part of Eaſt Florida. Two brothers of governour Wright, with many others, are intrenched, and have poſted themſelves on St. Mary's river, which divides Florida from Georgia; beſides a great number of negroes they have of their own, others flock to them. Col. Somer's North Carolina regiment, and major White, of the ſame province, with two companies of volunteers, have marched, and col. Muchlenburg's regiment only waits for waggons to tranſport their baggage."

PHILADELPHIA, *Auguſt* 20.

COL. Beedle and major Butterfield, for bad conduct, are broke, and rendered incapable of holding a commiſſion in the army of the United States; and capt. Wentworth, for diſobedience of orders, is caſhiered.

Aug. 27. Since the departure of the able-bodied men from the forks of Brandywine, in Cheſter county, on the ſervice of their country, the patriotick young women, to prevent the evil that would follow the neglect of puting in the fall crop in ſeaſon, have joined the ploughs, and are preparing the fallows for the ſeed; and ſhould their fathers, brothers, and lovers, be detained abroad in defence of the liberties of theſe ſtates, they are determined to put in the crop themſelves. A very laudable example, and highly worthy of imitation.

Letters from Ticonderoga mention, that two deſerters from the Brunſwickers had come in, who ſay that many more came off with them.

We learn from New York, that on Thurſday evening laſt there was a moſt violent ſtorm of thunder and lightning. Several officers and privates, belonging to the regiment formerly commanded by general M'Dougal, were unfortunately killed by it.

By ſundry letters from New York, we are informed that a body of about 10,000 Britiſh troops had landed on Long Iſland laſt Thurſday; that on Friday their advanced party was attacked by col. Hand's regiment of rifflemen, who beat them back with ſome loſs. That in the pocket of one of the killed was found a conſiderable ſum of gold; it is thought he is an officer of ſome diſtinction, though dreſſed as a common ſoldier. That a reinforcement of 6000 men had been ſent by general Waſhington to Long Iſland, to annoy the enemy. That the enemy's ſhips only waited for a fair wind to move up to the city of New York, where an attack was hourly expected, and our troops in high ſpirits, waiting with impatience for it.

We learn farther, that the German troops on Staten iſland are much diſſatisfied with their preſent ſervice, and wiſh for a favourable opportunity of laying down their arms. Two or three of them, it is ſaid, have been executed on the iſland for refuſing to do duty in the preſent impious war.

Extract of a letter from Albany, *Aug.* 19.

"An officer who went on a reconnoitre to St. John's and Chamblee fell in with a regular officer on horſe back alone, on the road between La Prairie and St John's. He ſummoned him to ſurrender himſelf priſoner. but, clapping ſpurs to his horſe, he rode off, upon which the officer fired and ſhot him. It turns out to be a general Gordon."

Extract of a letter from the Weſt Indies, *dated Auguſt* 2.

"Capt. Weeks, of the continental ſhip Repriſal, arrived off St. Pierre's, Martinique, on Saturday evening laſt, at which time the Shark ſloop of war, capt. John Chapman, of 16 nine-pounders, juſt come out from England, was at anchor there, ſlipped his cables in purſuit of the ſhip with provincial colours, and coming pretty near ordered them to ſtrike, giving her ſeveral ſhot, which were bravely returned by capt. Weeks, and an engagement enſued which laſted near an hour, when the Shark bore away, and the provincial ſhip took the advantage of getting ſafe into harbour. Capt. Weeks had only one man wounded in the arm, by the burſting of a gun on board his ſhip; the loſs of the enemy is not known yet. Capt. Weeks on landing met with a joyful reception, from the commander in chief to the pooreſt inhabitants, the concourſe of all ranks of people being very great on the occaſion.

"Capt. Chapman has ſince waited on the general to demand the ſhip for the king his maſter, as belonging to rebels and traitors. He was anſwered, that he had no orders of this kind, but on the contrary to protect them, which he would abide by. Capt. Chapman replied, if the ſhip was not given up it would be conſidered by his majeſty as a full declararion of war on the part of France; and an expreſs is ſent home by the admiral, at Antigua, in conſequence of this tranſaction.

"Capt. Weeks, on his paſſage from America, took three very valuable prizes bound home from the Weſt iſlands; and as he put ſeveral men on board the prizes, to carry them into port, he had only 126 men in his ſhip at the time of the action.

"The 29th ult. a frigate arrived express from Brest at Port Royal, with despatches to the general to have every port in the French islands put in the best posture of defence, and to protect, support, defend, and give every assistance to the American vessels, also to oppose any of his Britannick majesty's ships that should offer to commit hostilities on their coasts. What they mean by this you may easily conceive.

"The difference between Spain and Portugal increases daily, notwithstanding France appears as a mediator. If the truth was known, she urges it on.

"We have the happiness to acquaint you, that, from every account we have seen, Capt. Weeks behaved extremely well, and has acquired much honour and reputation with the French at Martinique, many of whom were spectators of the whole affair."

Extract of a letter from an Englishman *in* Hispaniola, *March* 3.

"The French are mounting their guns every where, and building new fortifications in several places. The Spaniards seem likewise preparing to strike some blow, which our stupid ministers at home have not thought of. The 4th of last month 18 sail of Spanish ships of war passed this place, bound, as they said, to the Havannah; 12 were of the line, and 6 frigates, all as full of men as possible. Perhaps, in the spring, they may pay a visit to Jamaica. The people here are all for the Americans, and last week the general ordered all the ports of this island to be opened to ships of every kind. Powder is now in great plenty."

Extract of a letter from New York, *Aug.* 19.

"A flag of truce came up on Saturday, to get liberty for lord Drummond and three others to come on shore. Some will be allowed, but not his lordship; he broke his parole He wants to go to Congress, to treat about reconciliation; the general sent word that if lord Howe would send *a man of honour* to Congress, he would give him a passport."

Extract of a letter from St. Eustatia, *July* 11.

"While the Pomona frigate, capt. Eastwood, lay in this road, he sent a letter to our governour, requesting leave to take possession of several American vessels then in the road, two or three of which were loaded with powder, dry goods, &c. and ready to sail. The governour informed him he could grant him no such permission, and desired he might not attempt to commit any hostilities, by offering a thing of this nature. The governour and council met on this occasion, and determined that in future if any English frigates or cruisers came within reach of the guns of any fort on this island, with intention to obstruct the trade, that the commanders of the different forts have orders to fire on them. The Pomona has kept within sight of this island ever since, but has not attempted to come within reach of the forts. Mr. Degraff (our late secretary) is appointed governour of this island; his commission is expected out by first vessel from Holland, and it is thought he will do every thing in his power for the protection of trade."

Extract of another letter from St. Eustatia, *July* 27.

"Capt. Patterson, in a ship from this for Amsterdam, lately belonging to your place, was carried into the Downs about the 10th of May by a cutter, and was lying there two weeks when the last accounts came from Holland, but it was unknown what would be done with her. There was no passing or repassing up or down the English channel for cruisers, and every step taken to intercept the American vessels. The people of Holland begin to think very serious of the dispute between England and America, and are somewhat apprehensive of their property in the English funds; this I have from the Dutch merchants letters to their friends here. Should their fears continue, it must shake the foundation of national credit, and I hope in the end produce a general bankrupcy."

Extract of a letter from Albany, *August* 12.

"I find the more thinking sort of people do not credit the news of the French fleet being in St. Laurence river; they rather think it is a story given out by Burgoyne to put our people off their guard. This day we have advice that there are 2000 Indians with general Schuyler, and that he began the conference with them last Tuesday.

"Mr.------- returned from the lake, who was ordered there by Congress to inspect into the state of our army. He says that our army consists of 5000 effective men, hearty and in high spirits; that they have built complete fortifications, have 60 pieces of cannon from 9 to 18 pounders mounted; that in a fortnight they will have upwards of 100 pieces mounted; they have now in the lake 9 gondolas, 2 row-gallies, and 3 schooners, all complete and fit for service; that we shall have 25 or 28 of those vessels in the lakes, which will carry 60 pieces of cannon, 117 swivel guns, and about 500 men. That there were two officers sent out as spies some time since, one of which returned while he was there, who reports, that the enemy had about 2000 men at St. John's, 1000 at Isle aux Noix, and 1000 or 1500 at Chamblee; that they had about 30 batteaus in the lake, and no other vessels, nor any preparation for building more; that it appeared very clear to him that the enemy did not mean to attack us, but expected to be attacked, for that they are only preparing for defence, by enlarging their forts, and erecting new ones. General Gates says, that it would not give him the least concern if the enemy was to come with 20,000 men."

WILLIAMSBURG, *Sept.* 6.

A letter from general SULLIVAN *to general* WASHINGTON, *dated* Long Island, *August* 23, 1776.

Dear General,

THIS afternoon the enemy formed, and attempted to pass the road by Bedford, when a smart fire between them and the riflemen ensued. The officer sent off for a reinforcement, which I ordered immediately. A number of musketry came up to the assistance of the riflemen, whose fire, with that of our field pieces, caused a retreat of the enemy. Our men followed them to the house of judge Lifford, where a number of them had taken lodgings, drove them out, and burnt the house, with a number of other buildings contiguous. They think they killed a number; and as an evidence of it, they produced three officers hangers, a carbine, and one dead body with a considerable sum of money in his pocket. I have ordered a party out for prisoners to night. We have driven them half a mile from their former station."

A ship is arrived in the river Delaware with 2200 stand of arms, 1500 bolts of canvas, and sundry other stores.

A vessel is safe arrived at Hampton with 1000 bushels of salt, and a small quantity of rum and sugar; the master of which gives us reason to expect a number of others, in a few weeks, with salt, and other useful articles.----The West India islands are in a starving condition, for want of the American supplies.

We have received an account of Senators being chosen for the following districts, viz For Dinwiddie, Southampton, and Sussex, DAVID MASON, esq. For Essex, King William, and King & Queen, GEORGE BROOKE, esq. For Princess Anne, Norfolk, and Nansemond, JAMES HOLT, esq. For Gloucester and Middlesex, WARNER LEWIS, esq; senior. For Isle of Wight, Surry, and Prince George, THEODORICK BLAND, esq; senior. For Charles City, James City, and New Kent, JOHN ARMISTEAD, esq. For Henrico, Goochland, and Louisa, THOMAS MANN RANDOLPH, esq. For Hanover and Caroline, THOMAS LOMAX, esq.

Marriages.] Col. WILLIAM ROSCOW WILSON CURLE, delegate in Convention for Norfolk borough, to mrs. LYON, relict of the late Walter Lyon, esq; of Princess Anne county.

DEEP SPRING, *Sept.* 6, 1776.

THOSE gentlemen cadets belonging to the 6th regiment, now absent, are desired immediately to repair to the regiment, if they expect preferment.

DESERTED from the *College* camp, the 2d instant (*September*) a soldier who says his name is *JOHN BOYD*, born in *New England*, and a shoemaker by trade. He is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, and has some scars about his mouth; had on a brown hunting shirt fringed, and trowsers of the same colour. He told some persons before he went off, that he was going to *York* town for a rifle, and some clothes that he said he left there. He had taken the place of a soldier in my company the day he went away, and I expect he is either gone towards *York* or *Fredericksburg*. Whoever will deliver the said *Boyd* to my company of the second regiment shall receive 40s. reward, paid by

2‖ FRANCIS TAYLOR.

SURRY COUNTY, *near* WALL's *bridge*, *August* 2, 1776.

I HAVE a likely fine bay JANUS COLT for sale, just rising 7 years old, 4 feet 10 or 11 inches high, and well proportioned. He is a very good covering horse, and will make a fine trooper or carriage nag when cut. The terms will be moderate, and the cash to be paid down on delivery.

JOSEPH HOLLEMAN.

STRAYED or STOLEN from *Springfield* camp, about the 24th of *August*, a dark bay horse about 9 years old, 13 hands 2 or 3 inches high, has no brand, except a few small scars about his shoulders, one of his hind feet white, paces and gallops very well, and is hard to catch. Whoever brings the said horse to me, at *College* camp, or gives such intelligence that I may get him again, shall have SIX DOLLARS reward.

(2‖) RICHARD BERNARD, of the 5th regiment.

COMMITTED to the jail of *Northampton* county, two negro men; one named *CUFFY*, belonging to the estate of *John Taylor* of *Norfolk*, deceased; the other named *JOE*, belonging to *William Harvey* of *Philadelphia*. The owners are desired to take them away, and pay charges to

2‖ EDMUND GLANVILLE, jailer.

Mr. PURDIE,

ENCLOSED is a piece, wrote with a design to promote the publick good. If it should be adopted, I apprehend it would be attended with happy consequences to this commonwealth; therefore, as you have always shewn yourself a friend to the publick, I hope you will give it a place in your next Gazette, and much oblige *A constant CUSTOMER.*

To the FREEHOLDERS *of the* COMMONWEALTH *of* VIRGINIA.

Gentlemen

THERE is nothing has a greater tendency to preserve a state strong and vigorous than a virtuous and well chosen LEGISLATURE. All the venality and base conduct of the parliament of England, by which the empire has been torn to pieces, is chiefly owing to the unjust and

ungenerous methods the members have taken to get themſelves elected. Whether ſuch practices are to be found among us, or not, I leave you to judge, and to prevent, as much as poſſible; any thing of the like kind in future, I moſt earneſtly recommend that you would inſtruct your Delegates, next Aſſembly, to have a law made to this effect:

That Senators and Delegates be choſen by ballot; that two perſons may be appointed, who ſhall be on oath faithfully to diſcharge their office, one of which ſhall always aſk the freeholders, as they give in their ballot, whether they have read it or not. If they anſwer in the negative, one of them ſhall retire with the perſon and read his ballot to him; and, if neceſſary, make ſuch alterations as he ſhall be directed by the freeholder, and no other. And that all thoſe perſons who are candidates ſend a liſt of their names to the ſheriffs, to be publiſhed with the writs. But if any of them, after ſuch publication, ſhall apply to any of the freeholders for their votes, or uſe any means, directly or indirectly, to get themſelves elected, he or they ſo offending ſhall be incapable of ſitting in the General Aſſembly.

A FARMER.

BY order of the Honourable COURT of ADMIRALTY, will be ſold on *Saturday* the 21ſt inſtant, at *Burdett's* wharf, on *Chingoteague*, in *Accomack* county, for ready money, 11,000 gallons of MOLOSSES, imported in the *Betſey*.

BEN: POWELL, marſhal.

Sept. 5, 1776.

ATKINSON and HANEWINKEL have for ſale, at their hemp and flax manufactory in *Fredericksburg*, dreſſed FLAX and HEMP of all qualities, from 1s. 3d. to 4s. per pound; alſo TOW, from 4d. to 1s. 6d. per pound. The dreſſed hemp at 1s. 6d. may, by a ſkilful ſpinner, be wove into cloth that formerly ſold for 3s. or 4s. per yard, and at preſent ſells for 8s. or 10s. and ſo in proportion.---Wrought hemp from the brake is taken in to mill and dreſs, at ten pounds in the hundred weight; the toll to be taken after milling.----For heckling, to the quality of 1s. 3d. a bit per pound for milled flax or hemp, and ſo in proportion.---Thoſe who favour them with their commiſſions may depend on being ſerved upon the beſt terms they can afford.---Good encouragement will be given for regular bred *Flax Dreſſers*, *Weavers*, *Spinners*, and *Rope makers*.---- Gentlemen may have their negroes, *&c.* inſtructed in *Flax Dreſſing*, for ſix months of their labour.

*** *Alexander Hanewinkel* was regularly bred to *Heckle*, *Wool Comb*, and *Card* making, by the truſtees for improving manufactures in *Great Britain*, and at preſent carries on the branch of HECKLE-MAKING, not having yet finiſhed his machinery for wire-drawing, but in a ſhort time hopes to furniſh the publick at a more reaſonable rate than at preſent with *Tow*, *Wool*, and *Cotton Cards*.---The prices of heckles are as follows, *viz.* For No 1 three pounds, No 2 four pounds, No 3 five pounds, and ſo one pound higher for each ſize upwards to No 8; but a No 3 will dreſs flax or hemp which will make linen that was formerly ſold for 4s. or 5s. per yard currency.---*A. Hanewinkel* finds himſelf under the neceſſity of ſpecifying the prices of the heckles, as a great many people are diſappointed who commiſſion them, thinking they are of the common kind, and of courſe ſend leſs money than they can be ſold for; they being equal to, if not better than any imported from *Britain*.---The publick ſhall have proper notice when his *Card Work* is finiſhed, with the prices he can afford to ſell at.

WILLIAMSBURG, *September* 3, 1776.

BY *virtue of a decree of the Hon.* COURT *of* ADMIRALTY *will be ſold on* Monday *the* 23*d inſtant, for ready money, the ſloop* FRIENDSHIP, *now lying in* Yeocomico *river, in* Weſtmoreland *county, with her rigging, tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with a twelve hhd.* FLAT; *alſo the ſchooner* NEPTUNE, *with her rigging*, &c. &c. *and the pilot boat* JANE JOHNSON, *with her rigging*, &c. &c. *The above-mentioned veſſels, with their appurtenances, may be ſeen by applying to capt.* John Sherman Woodcock, *near where the ſaid veſſels lie.*

BEN: POWELL, marſhal.

THOMAS JOHNSON, of *Brunſwick*, who is well known for his abilities in the cure of the FLUX, alſo cures the following diſorders, *viz.* The *Spleen*, *Cholick*, *Aſthma*, any kind of *Fevers*, *Ague and Fever*, *lingering Diſorders*, *bad Coughs*, *Scurvy* any kind of *running Humours*, or *ſcorbutick Diſorders*, the *Yaws* and FRENCH *Diſorder*, without ſalivation, *ſore Legs*, *Scurvy in the Gums*, and has the greateſt reaſon to believe he can cure the CONSUMPTION, if timely applied to.---- *N. B.* He uſes very few medicines, except what he makes himſelf. (2)

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, about the 5th day of *July* laſt, a likely negro man named BILLY, about 24 or 25 years of age, well made, of an exceeding black complexion; had on, when he went away, as I am informed, a great coat, and blue *Virginia* cloth breeches. He was born in *Williamſburg*, in mrs. *Ray's* family, and has been ſeen there ſince his elopement. I recollect nothing to diſtinguiſh this fellow by, more than is mentioned, except a remarkable turning of his eyes and winking, with ſome heſitation before he replies upon being ſpoken to. I will give 40s. to any perſon who will apprehend and ſecure the above ſlave, ſo that I get him again; but if at a greater diſtance than *Williamſburg*, and he ſhould be brought home to me, I will give a reward in full proportion to the trouble.

JOHN BANISTER.

STRAYED out of the country paſture near *Williamſbnrg*, about the 15th of *Auguſt* laſt, a dull coloured bay horſe about 4 feet 9 inches high, about 6 years old, big and ſtrong built, with a remarkable buſhy mane and foretop, and ſwitch tail, no brand remembered, if any; he goes aukwardly, having been rode but a ſhort time. He is the property of col. *Thomas Bullitt*, and has been ſeen within the limits of this town ſeveral times ſince he went away. Whoever delivers him to col. *William Finnie*, or to the ſubſcriber, in this city, ſhall receive a gratuity of THREE DOLLARS.

JOHN BAIRD, jun.
for THOMAS BULLITT, D. A. G.

STOLEN from the ſubſcriber, living in *Amelia* county, in the fork of *Great Nottaway*, on the 9th of *April* laſt, a ſlim made bay horſe about 4 feet 10 inches high, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, his mane hanging on the left ſide, paces naturally, and I believe is branded, but do not remember with what, I am apprehenſive the ſaid horſe was ſtolen by a notorious negro man named *Jeſſe*, belonging to mr. *Samuel Dameron* of *Brunſwick* county. The ſaid negro man *Jeſſe* is about 5 feet 4 inches high, and branded with the two firſt letters of his maſter's name in his face. Mr. *Samuel Dameron* offers 10l. reward to any perſon that will bring him the ſaid negro man *Jeſſe*, and I will give 3l. for the horſe.

THOMAS BALL.

CHARLES CITY, *Auguſt* 24, 1776.

ALL perſons who have any demands againſt the eſtate of capt. *William Gregory*, late of this county, deceaſed, are deſired to make them known, and thoſe indebted to the ſaid eſtate are requeſted to make immediate payment to

(4) JOHN GREGORY, FRANCIS IRBY } executors.

For SALE,

A YOUNG healthy mulatto fellow about 21 years of age, underſtands taking care of horſes, and is a tolerable good carpenter. For farther particulars inquire of the printer. (tf)

AMELIA, *Auguſt* 30, 1776.

FOUND on my plantation, the 27th of this inſtant, by my negroes, as they were grubbing, a parcel of HARD MONEY, which appears to have been hid a conſiderable time. Any perſon who can prove his property, by deſcribing the pieces, *&c.* ſhall have it delivered to him by

1‖ PETER STAINBACK.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber, the 17th day of *July* laſt, a mulatto lad named JOHN BIBBIN, who I expect will endeavour to paſs as a freeman; he is about 5 feet 7 inches high, clumſy made, has ſtraight hair, a ſurly look, and is very ſlovenly; had on, when went away, negro cotton waiſtcoaſt and breeches, and a flax and cotton ſhirt. I will give FIVE DOLLARS reward to any perſon who will deliver the ſaid lad to me, in *New Kent* county.

2‖ SAMUEL APPERSON.

STRAYED or STOLEN out of the *Palace* paſture, on the 12th of *Auguſt* laſt, a black mare above 14 hands high, 9 or 10 years old, with hanging mane and ſwitch tail, has had the fiſtula, is creſt-fallen, cat-hammed, and branded on the left ſhoulder I D. Whoever delivers the ſaid mare to mr. *Thomas Doncaſtle* near *Williamſburg*, to mr. *Alex. Sinclair* in *Staunton*, or to the ſubſcriber at the *Warm Springs* in *Auguſta*, ſhall have 20s. reward.

‖ JAMES HAMILTON.

THE Manufacturing Society in *Williamſburg* are in want of a perſon to ſuperintend the works, purchaſe materials, *&c.* and to keep the neceſſary accounts. Any who are qualified to undertake that buſineſs, and come well recommended, will be treated with by the managers, and good wages will be given.

As the making of SAIL CLOTH is one of their objects, the Society will give good encouragement to ſpinners and weavers acquainted with that branch.

Ready money will be given for HEMP and FLAX, either fully prepared for ſpinning, or from the brake or ſwingle.

As ſoon as the works are erected, the Society propoſe taking a number of boys and girls as apprentices to SPINNING, WEAVING, *&c.*

TWO or three regular bred BRICKLAYERS, coming well recommended, will meet with the beſt encouragement by applying immediately to mr. *Robert Warren* at *New Kent* courthouſe, or the ſubſcriber at *Four Mile* creek, in *Henrico* county.

‖ STEPHEN WILLIS.

N. B. I ſhould prefer ſingle men, or men without families.

TAKEN up in *Richmond* town, *Henrico* county, a bright bay horſe 7 or 8 years old, about 4 feet 8 inches high, has three white feet, his mane hangs on both ſides of his neck, with a ſwitch tail, appears to be branded with a figure of two on the near ſhoulder, wrong end upwards. Poſted, and appraiſed to 17l. 10s.

‖ *Abraham Cowley.*

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FRIDAY, September 6, 1776. SUPPLEMENT. No. 84.

By the Hon. JOHN PAGE, *Esq; Lieutenant Governour of the Commonwealth of* Virginia:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS *Benjamin Woodward*, late of the parish of *Bath*, in the county of *Dinwiddie*, silversmith, having been duly examined at a court for that purpose held in the said county, on suspicion of having feloniously counterfeited the Continental, *Virginia*, and *North Carolina* paper currencies, was remanded to jail to be tried for the said offence, and escaped therefrom: I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of State of the said commonwealth, to issue this proclamation, charging and commanding all constables, sheriffs, and other officers throughout the said commonwealth, to make diligent search and inquiry after the said *Benjamin Woodward*, and him, when found, to convey to the publick jail in the city of *Williamsburg*. And I do farthermore, by these presents, offer a reward of *FIFTY POUNDS*, to be paid unto whatever person or persons shall apprehend the said *Benjamin Woodward*, and secure him in the said publick jail.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, at the Council Chamber, in the said city of Williamsburg, *the* 30*th day of* August 1776.

JOHN PAGE.

*** The said *Benjamin Woodward* is about 5 feet 10 inches high, about 30 years of age, of a pale complexion, has chestnut coloured hair, well proportioned, looks grave, and has an insinuating manner of address.

A PERSON capable of teaching *Greek*, *Latin*, and *English*, and who can come well recommended for discretion and sobriety, may hear of good encouragement by inquiring at *A. Purdie*'s printing-office.

LUNENBRUG, *July* 24, 1776.

THE subscriber intends soon to remove into *North Carolina;* and as the times are such that he cannot sell his lands, and therefore cannot, at present, pay his debts, he gives this notice, that he does not remove with any intention to avoid paying them as soon as in his power, but hopes his going will rather facilitate so desirable a purpose, as well as that of better providing for himself and family. He is willing to let any of his creditors (who may incline, and will let him know as much) have lands to the amount of their debts, at 10 per cent. less than their real value, and assures all others he will be as expeditious as possible in making them payment.

G. JEFFERSON.

TWO good tracts of land to be sold on the very reasonable terms following, *viz.* 483 acres on *Stony* creek, three miles from *Dinwiddie* courthouse, very excellent for *Indian* corn and wheat, and a large proportion of it good for tobacco, with a good dwelling-house and sundry out-houses, a very fine spring, and orchards of apple and peach trees. About 80 acres are cleared and fenced, and for this tract I will take 20*s.* per acre.---The other lying in *Mecklenburg* county, on *Buffalo* creek, containing 327 acres, mostly good, and finely watered, has a pleasant situation, but the improvements long since destroyed. My price for this last mentioned is 15*s.* per acre. This will be shewn by mr. *Wilson* who lives near it, and the first mentioned by the subscriber, living near the same.

DANIEL CLAIBORNE.

GLOUCESTER county, *August* 29, 1776.

WANTED immediately, on charter for *St. Eustatia*, two or three fast sailing vessels, from 1000 to 3000 bushels burthen.

JOHN DIXON, jun.

By virtue of a decree of the Honourable COURT *of* ADMIRALTY, *will be sold for ready money on* Tuesday *the* 10*th of* September, *at* Blandford *town, in* Prince George *county,*

THE sloop SWALLOW, about 80 tuns burthen, with all her rigging, *&c.* Also the sloop RAPPAHANNOCK PACKET, about 40 tuns burthen, with her rigging, *&c.* The vessels may be seen by applying to mr. *John Burwell*, in *Dinwiddie* county, near the said town.

BEN: POWELL, marshal.

WE take this method to forewarn all persons from hunting or ranging on our lands in *Fauquier* county, which we have found to be a practice very destructive to our flocks of sheep, cattle, *&c.* Mr. *James Cullins* having often trespassed, is forbid doing so again, at his peril.

CHARLES CARTER, *Shirley.*
HENRY FITZHUGH.
HUGH NELSON.
Executors of Hon. *John Page*, esq.

AUGUST 20, 1776.

ANY *person who wants to buy either a WAGGON, CHAIR, or RIDING HORSES, and a good WAGGON and GEARS, may be supplied by applying to my manager at the tavern near the College, formerly kept by mrs.* Camp.

(*tf*) MATTHEW MARABLE.

AUGUST 24, 1776.

ON *Friday* the 27th of *September* will be rented at *Wilkins*'s ferry, to the highest bidder, the ferry and plantation belonging to the estate of *Joseph Wilkins*, for one year, for which bond and security will be required by

GEORGE NOBLE, } admrs.
JOSHUA POYTHRESS, sen. }

To be SOLD, on Monday *the* 9*th of* September, *being* James City *court day, before the subscriber's door, in* Woodpecker *street*, Williamsburg, *for ready money,*

OLD spirits, sugar, whiskey, coffee, horses, some fine linen, cottons, camlets, bacon, beds and furniture, tables, some articles of clothing, needles, *&c. &c. &c.*

PATRICK ROBERTSON.

*** The sale to begin at 10 o'clock.

For SALE,

THE sloop *THOMAS*, burthen about 250 barrels, in good order, well found, and sails well, just cleaned, and now ready to take in a cargo, of which the subscriber would venture a part. The vessel lies at *South Key* bridge, upon *Blackwater* river, in *Nansemond* county, where the subscriber lives. Apply to col. *Champion Travis*, in *Williamsburg*, for terms.

SAMUEL CALVERT.

AUGUST 8, 1776.

DESERTED from my company of marines, stationed at *Hobb*'s *Hole*, *EDWARD RILEY*, an *Irishman*, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, has the fourth toe of his right foot higher than the rest, and is a well made man; he was seen a few days ago in *Fredericksburg*, and had been up the country to see a mr. *Ball*, with whom he served his time. Whoever delivers him to me in *Hobb*'s *Hole*, within three weeks, shall have TEN DOLLARS reward.

ALEX: DICK.

NORTHAMPTON, *Aug.* 15, 1776.

TAKEN *up in* Chesapeake *bay, against the mouth of* Occohanock, *a sloop burthen about* 35 *tuns, square sterned, quite new, without a rudder, and unfinished. On board her were a parcel of old rigging, one new and one old cable, each about* 15 *fathoms long, two booms, and part of another, also a new gaff. Any person that has lost the same, by proving his property, and paying charges, may apply to*

JOHN WADDY.
JOHN F. TURNOR.

N. B. *The said sloop will be sold the* 15*th day of* September, *to the highest bidder, at mr.* John Tompkins*'s.*

DESERTED from my company of marines, JAMES ROBINSON of *Louisa* county, about 20 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, well made, stoops a little in his shoulders, is of a dark complexion, and wears short black hair; his dress, when he deserted, was an osnabrug shirt and trousers, and a large felt hat. Whoever secures the said deserter, and delivers him to me on board the *Hero* galley, at *Hampton*, shall have 5*l.* reward.

BEN: POLLARD.

TAKEN up in James City, *a light bay horse about* 13 *hands high, about* 9 *years old, with a notch in one ear, a blaze in his face, hanging mane and switch tail, and branded on the near buttock with three dots, the brand blotched. Posted, and appraised to* 10*l.*

Joseph Eggleston.

TAKEN up in *Prince George*, a dark bay horse about 12 years old, 4 feet 10 or 11 inches high, a blaze in his face, hanging mane and switch tail, saddle spots on each side his withers, and all his feet white above the footlocks. Posted, and appraised to 20*l.*

John Holloway.

TAKEN up in *Spotsylvania*, a gray horse about 10 years old, 4 feet 3 inches and a half high, and his right ear cropped. Also a black horse about 4 years old, 4 feet 6 inches high, branded on the near shoulder and buttock with a dot. Posted and appraised, the gray horse to 5*l.* and the black horse to 7*l.*

Thomas Sharpe.

TAKEN up in *Caroline*, a brindled ox with a white streak down his back, and white under his belly, marked with a crop and underkeel in the right ear, and in the left with a hole and slit. Posted, and appraised to 4*l.*

William Tyler.

TAKEN up in *Chesterfield*, a small bay mare, not branded, about 4 feet 4 inches high, and has one fore foot shod. Posted, and appraised to 10*l.*

Burwell Perkinson.

TAKEN up in *Buckingham*, a dark bay horse about 6 years old, 4 feet 5 or 6 inches high, has a blaze in his face, glass eyes, three white feet, some sadule spots, paces slow, is very dull, branded on the near shoulder F, and on the buttock T. Posted, and appraised to 8*l.*

John Johns.

TAKEN up in *Amelia*, a large red cow, marked with a swallow-fork in each ear, and has her horns sawed off. Posted, and appraised to 40*s.*

Thomas Jones.

TAKEN up in *Cumberland*, near *Lyle*'s ford, a large black steer about 5 years old, has some part of his tail white, marked with two crops, two swallow-forks, and an underkeel, in the right ear. Posted, and appraised to 50*s.*

Charles Lewis.

WHEREAS I purchaſed a negro man of *Joſiah Moſeley* of *Cumberland* county, and gave my bond for 75l. *Virginia* currency, payable on the 25th day of *December* 1775, of which ſaid bond there appears to be 24l. now due; and as the ſaid *Joſiah Moſeley* put a cheat on me, I do hereby forewarn any perſon from taking an aſſignment of ſaid bond, as I will not pay it.

MATTHEW PERKINSON.

STOLEN or STRAYED out of my paſture at the *Three Creeks* in *Brunſwick* county, on *Tueſday* night the 30th of *July*, a bay horſe between 14 and 15 hands high, 5 years old laſt ſpring, uſed to a carriage, trots, and I believe is neither dockt nor branded; his mane and tail black and thick, the hair on the root of his tail, and mane next his withers, rubbed; has a ſmall white ſpot in his forehead, and a ſmall excreſcence on his left ſide, near his flank. I will give 20s. reward to any perſon that will deliver him to me in *Brunſwick*, if taken on the ſouth ſide of *James* river, or to my ſon *Benjamin C. Waller* in *Williamſburg*, if taken on the north ſide, and 4l. on conviction of the thief.

BEN: WALLER.

STRAYED or *STOLEN* from the *College* camp, the night of the 21ſt inſtant (*Auguſt*) a ſorrel mare about 5 feet high, 7 or 8 years old, has a hanging mane and long tail, branded on the near ſhoulder C, and on the near buttock S. Whoever brings the ſaid mare to me, in capt. *James Maſon's* company, at *York* town, ſhall be well rewarded.

STEPHEN SMITH.

COMMITTED to *Nanſemond* jail, a negro man who calls himſelf POMPEY, and ſays he belongs to *William Blackin* of *North Carolina*; he is about 55 years old. The owner is deſired to take him away, and pay charges.

WILLIAM WHITFIELD, jailer.

For SALE,

THE Houſes and Lots in *Peterſburg* formerly adverтiſed by mr. *Richard Hanſon*. For terms apply to

ROGER ATKINSON.
(8) RICHARD TAYLOR.

LOST between mrs. *Vobe's* neceſſary houſe and doctor *Maclurg's*, a SILVER WATCH with a worſted ſtring, maker's name EDWARD STEEL, *Whitehaven*, and No. 1100 (and I think) 60, marked on the edge of the out caſe. Any perſon that will deliver the ſaid watch to me at *Warwick*, or to mr. *William Turner* in *Williamſburg*, ſhall have 20s. reward, and no inquiry made. DAVID LEITCH.

THE owner of lot No. 4, in the town of *Pocahontas*, will meet with a purchaſer by applying to the ſubſcriber at *Peterſburg*.

SAMUEL DAVIES.

STRAYED or *STOLEN* the 8th of this inſtant (*Auguſt*) from the plantation of mr. *John G. Wells*, at *Mulberry Iſland* ferry, a dark bay horſe 4 feet 4 or 5 inches high, 7 or 8 years old, has a ſmall ſtar in his forehead, hanging mane and buſhy tail, one of his hind feet white as high as the footlock, the other only the hoof white, paces ſlow and gallops, and is rather dull. Alſo a mare of a lighter colour, near the ſame ſize, has a ſmall ſore on her back, hanging mane and buſhy tail, trots and gallops, and is hard to catch. Neither of them are branded, that I remember. Whoever delivers the ſaid horſe and mare to mr. *Thomas Archer* in *York* town, or to the ſubſcriber on *York* river, in the lower part of *Glouceſter* county, ſhall have 20s. reward, and be allowed all reaſonable charges.

THOMAS POWELL, jun.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Auguſt* 22, 1776.

JOURNEYMEN *GUNSMITHS* and *BLACKSMITHS* will meet with encouragement from the ſubſcriber.----

Wanting likewiſe, 8 or 10 healthy *BOYS*, as apprentices.

(tf) JAMES ANDERSON.

By virtue of a decree of the hon. COURT *of* ADMIRALTY, *will be ſold for ready money, on* Saturday *the* 14*th of* September *next, at* Northampton *courthouſe*,

THE ſchooner FANNY, with all her guns, rigging, tackle, apparel, furniture, *&c.* now lying in *Cherryſtone* creek, which may be ſeen by applying to col. *Lyttleton Savage*. Alſo three valuable negro fellows, that have been uſed to the water.--And on *Wedneſday* the 18th the ſloop VULCAN, at *Pungoteague* warehouſe, with all her rigging, apparel, tackle, and cargo, conſiſting of a large quantity of linens, checks, oſnabrugs, ſheeting, ſuperfine and ſecond cloths, ſilks of different ſorts, tammies, calimancoes, ſhalloons, ſome rum, ſugar, and moloſſes, with ſeveral other articles. --Alſo two valuable ſlaves. An inventory of the whole may be ſeen by applying to capt. *Levin Joynes*, or BEN: POWELL, marſhal.

STOLEN from the ſubſcriber, about the middle of *July* laſt, a bay mare about 14 hands high, paces naturally, and is branded on each buttock, ſhoulder, and cheek, with two R's in a piece. Whoever will deliver her to the ſubſcriber, near *Richmond*, ſhall receive 40s.

MILES SELDEN, jun.

TAKEN up in *Buckingham*, a bay roan horſe about 4 feet 7 inches high, about 12 years old, has a ſtar in his forehead, a white ſpot on his back, and branded on the near buttock WS. Poſted, and appraiſed to 7l. *Richard Davenport.*

TAKEN up near *Taylor's* ferry, in *Mecklenburg*, a bay mare 3 or 4 years old, about 14 feet 9 inches high, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail. Poſted, and appraiſed to 15l. *William Eaſtland.*

TAKEN up in *James City*, a dark coloured mare about 14 hands high, and branded on the near buttock B. Poſted, and appraiſed to 14l. *Thomas Cartwright.*

TAKEN up in York *county, at madam* Nelſon's *plantation, three ſteers, two of them black, and one brindled. The blacks have white faces, and have white bellies. They are all differently marked. The owner may have them on proving their property and paying charges.*

Robert Drewry.

TAKEN up in Lunenburg, *a bay horſe 7 years old, 4 feet 7 inches high, with a ſtar in his face, a long mane and ſhort ſtrwith tail, ſome ſaddle ſpots, a lump about the ſize of a muſket ball near the lower part of his off flank, and another upon the ſide of his neck, paces ſlow, trots and gallops, and has no perceivable brand. Poſted, and appraiſed to 8l.* *Iſaac Johnſon.*

TAKEN up in Orange, *a dark bay mare about 11 years old, 4 feet 4 inches high, a natural pacer, has a hanging mane and ſprig tail, a very ſmall white ſpot on her noſe, ſeveral ſaddle ſpots on her back, had on a bell, is branded on the near ſhoulder R A, on the off ſhoulder W, and on the off buttock W, as near as I can make out. Poſted, and appraiſed to 10l.*

Thomas Brightwell.

TAKEN up in *Amherſt*, a red ſteer about 3 years old, with a blaze face, part of his tail white, marked with a crop, ſlit, and underkeel in the right ear, and a ſwallow-fork in the left. Poſted, and appraiſed to 30s. *William Harris*, jun.

WHEREAS my houſe upon *King's* creek was broke open laſt *Thurſday*, ſome time between 1 and 5 after noon, and robbed of the following articles, *viz.* a very fine new *Virginia* bed-tick with blue ſtripes, containing about 14 yards, a pair of half-worn *Ruſſia* linen ſheets, four yards of *Auguſta* linen, one yard of which was whiter than the reſt, three yards of *German* oſnabrugs, three yards and a half of *Iriſh* linen, three new ſhirts of the ſame linen, two new do. a good deal finer, a new country linen ſhirt, three old *Iriſh* linen ſhirts, that have been mended, three coarſe cambrick ſtocks, one do. of linen, two pair of fine black worſted ſtockings, one pair of them quite new, one pair of fine white worſted do. almoſt new, two pair of light coloured worſted do. two pair of fine thread do. one ſtocking of which was left, a pair of ſtone knee buckles, two ſtones out of one of the buckles, a ſtone brooch ſet in ſilver, four or five of the ſtones duller than the reſt, an *Engliſh* made ſilver ſtock buckle, carved, and oval, one bright brown mocho ſleeve button ſet in ſilver, a new razor, a bundle of papers chiefly receipts, and about 20s. in ſilver cut money and coppers: I hereby offer a reward of 10l. to any perſon who will diſcover the thief and ſecure the goods, or in proportion for any part of them.

THOMAS JARVIS.

Wanted immediately,

TWO journeymen BARBERS, who can ſhave and dreſs well, and if acquainted with wig-making it will be more in their favour. Such perſons as are capable as above required will receive extraordinary wages by applying to

(tf) JAMES NICHOLS.

WANTED,

AN armorer for the *Hero* galley. Any perſon qualified, and willing to ſerve on board the ſaid veſſel, may repair to *Hampton*, where he will meet with good encouragement from

GEORGE MUTER, captain.

To be SOLD at publick auction, purſuant to the laſt will and teſtament of John Tod Bickerton, *deceaſed, at* Bedford *courthouſe, on* Monday *the* 23*d of* September *next, being court day,*

A TRACT of LAND on *Falling* river, in the ſaid county, containing 1846 acres, with a plantation and improvements thereon. Twelve months credit will be allow, the purchaſers giving bond, with approved ſecurity, to

(8) THE EXECUTORS.

N. B. Mrs. *Martha Irwin* claims dower in the above land.

To be SOLD,

A TRACT of land on Monk's Neck, *in the county of* Dinwiddie, *within ſeven miles of* Peterſburg, *late in the poſſeſſion of mr.* Alexander Shaw, *containing about 1050 acres, of which a conſiderable proportion is low grounds, capable of being improved into the fineſt meadow. A particular deſcription is avoided, as I would chooſe every perſon inclinable to purchaſe ſhould view and be ſatisfied of the quality of the land. The terms of ſale, and time of credit, will be made agreeable, and an undoubted title aſſured to the purchaſer.*

JOHN BANISTER.

ALL the reſidue of the ſaid Alexander Shaw's *eſtate, both real and perſonal, is conveyed in truſt to the ſubſcribers, for the payment of conſiderable debts reſpectively due to them; after a diſcharge of which, the ſurplus is to be applied in ſatisfaction of his other creditors. All perſons indebted to the ſaid* Alexander Shaw *will take notice, that their payments are to be made to*

ABRAHAM SMITH.
(tf) *JOHN BANISTER.*